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Security Council

Military Staff Committee

11 a.m.–1 p.m.	1599th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

10 a.m.	47th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [42]
   - (a) Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/61/3)
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5. Sport for peace and development [49]
   - (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/61/373)
   - (b) Draft resolution (A/61/L.12)

[1] To be issued.

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General Assembly
Sixty-first session

Informal Working Group on Mandate Review

3 p.m. . . . . . **Closed meeting** . . . . . *Conference Room 4*

Main Committees

Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . . Conference Room 2

Panel discussion on the theme "E-government as a tool for participation and inclusion"

Speakers:

Professor Ann Macintosh, Director, International Teledemocracy Centre, Napier University, United Kingdom

Mr. Nam-Seok Kim, Assistant Minister for the e-Government Headquarters, Ministry of Government Administration and Home Affairs, Republic of Korea

Mr. Abraham Sotelo Nava, Head of the E-government and Technology Policy Unit, Ministry of Public Function, Mexico

Mr. Ivar Tallo, Director, e-Governance Academy, Estonia

Mr. Guido Bertucci, Director, Division for Public Administration and Development Management, Department of Economic and Social Affairs

[<www.unpan.org/directory/conference/guest/browseoneconference.asp?conference_id=2006>; and <www.un.org/ga/61/second/specialevents.html>.]

[*Note:* The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (tel. 1 (212) 963-2184; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Second Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Danielle Maillard-Lejano (tel. 1 (917) 367-5865; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail maillard-lejano@un.org).]

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . . **17th meeting** . . . . . Conference Room 3

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments . . . [106]

(a) Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/61/101 and A/C.5/61/4)

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions (A/61/102/Rev.1 and A/C.5/61/5)

(c) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee (A/61/103 and A/C.5/61/6)

(d) United Nations Administrative Tribunal (A/61/104 and A/C.5/61/7)

(e) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission (A/61/105, A/C.5/61/8 and A/C.5/61/8/Add.1)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 115 (Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (A/61/5 (Vol. I), A/61/5 (Vol. III), A/61/5 (Vol. IV), A/61/5/Add.1, A/61/5/Add.2, A/61/5/Add.3, A/61/5/Add.4, A/61/5/Add.5, A/61/5/Add.6, A/61/5/Add.7, A/61/5/Add.8, A/61/5/Add.9, A/61/5/Add.11, A/61/5/Add.11/Corr.1, A/61/5/Add.2, A/61/61/5/Add.12/Corr.1, A/61/182, A/61/214, A/61/214/Add.1 and A/61/350))

Sixth Committee

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . . 19th meeting . . . . . Trusteship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-eighth session (A/61/10) . . . . . [78]

Working Group on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism

10 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteship Council Chamber

[*Note*: The list of speakers for agenda items 80 (The rule of law at the national and international levels) and 33 (Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects) is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Marissa Amores (tel. 1 (212) 963-5332; fax 1 (212) 963-1963)). Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (room S-3460; fax 1 (212) 963-1963).]

[1] Immediately following the adjournment of the meeting of the Working Group on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism.

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

Administrative matters

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Informal "informal" consultations

There will be informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the follow-up to the World Summit Outcome on strengthening of the Economic and Social Council, convened by Mr. Carlos G. Ruiz Massieu Aguirre (Mexico), *today*, 3 November 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4, and at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Second Committee
Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Mr. Khaled El-Bakly (Egypt), under agenda item 53 (a) (Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development) — International Year on Sanitation

From 10 to 11.45 a.m. in Conference Room GA-37.

Facilitator, Ms. Sigrid Anna Oddsen (Norway), under agenda item 51 (d) (Commodities)

From 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Leslie B. Gatan (Philippines), under agenda item 55 (a) (Globalization and interdependence)

From 1.15 to 1.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Facilitator, Mr. Leslie B. Gatan (Philippines) under agenda item 69 (b) (Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions)

From 1.45 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Facilitators, Mr. Tri Tharyat (Indonesia) and Ms. Nicole Ruder (Switzerland), under agenda item 53 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction - Natural disasters and vulnerability)

From 1.45 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Andre Siregar (Indonesia), under agenda 55 (b) (International migration and development)

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Facilitator, Mr. Harald Aspelund (Iceland) under agenda item 54 (Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

From 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Facilitator, Mr. Tony Fautua (New Zealand), under agenda item 53 (b) (Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States)

From 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Informal consultations

Friday, 3 November 2006

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the rights of the child, under agenda item 63 (a) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Uruguay)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of migrants, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 61 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Costa Rica)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on trafficking in women and girls, under agenda item 61 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference, under agenda item 108 (q) (convened by the Chairman of the OIC Group (Azerbaijan)) (at the expert level)

1–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction, recovery and prevention in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of Indonesia, on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

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Friday, 3 November 2006

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on racism)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on the Convention on Biological Diversity)

10–11 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on international cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development)

1.15–2.15 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

1.30–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Non-Aligned Movement (open-ended informal consulations on the draft resolution on the right to development)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

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Briefing for delegates on the United Nations Forum on Forests open-ended ad hoc expert group on the consideration of the content on the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests (New York, 11-15 December 2006) (convened by the Bureau of the seventh session of the United Nations Forum on Forests and the Forum Secretariat)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

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Friends of the International Criminal Court: Meeting with the Registrar of the Court (in English)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

African Group (Second Committee experts)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

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Sixth United Nations Inter-Agency Consultations (organized by UN-OHRLLS)

3–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

[redacted]

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Friday, 3 November 2006

Panel discussion on "Intellectual property rights and development" (sponsored by the United States Mission)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Peggy Kerry (tel. 1 (212) 415-4054; e-mail kerry@state.gov).]

[redacted]

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Friday, 3 November 2006

Room S-226

Guest at 12 noon . . . . Mr. Adolf Ogi, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Sport for Development and Peace (on the new book on the achievements of the International Year of Sport and Physical Education 2005 and the Action Plan on Sport for Development and Peace)

[redacted]

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered. The second round of language-specific informational meetings for this year will be held in October and November, according to the following schedule:

Today, 3 November 2006, in Conference Room 8:

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Russian*
From 3 to 6 p.m.: *Spanish*

Administrative Tribunal (23 October-22 November 2006)

The Administrative Tribunal will hold meetings (closed) *every day* until Wednesday, 22 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., in Suite 2, DC2 Building.

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The 22nd meeting of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will be held on Monday, 6 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider agenda item 32 (Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories).

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Mr. Tri Tharyat (Indonesia) under agenda item 53 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction – Natural disasters and vulnerability)

Tuesday, 7 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6;

Thursday, 9 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 6;

Monday, 13 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

Wednesday, 15 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Third Committee

Listed below is the tentative schedule for introductory statements by Special Rapporteurs, Special Representatives, Independent Experts and other special mechanisms who will be presenting reports to the Third Committee:

Monday, 6 November (agenda items 65 and 66):

10 a.m.

Mr. Doudou Diène (Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance); Ms. Amada Benavidez de Pérez (Chairperson of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 18th meeting on Monday, 6 November 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 18th meeting, and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Economic and Social Council

Open-ended Working Group on Informatics

The next meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will take place Wednesday, 8 November 2006, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Victor Camilleri (Malta), to present and discuss information systems support for delegates, including a presentation of CandiWeb, the new secure Web portal for candidatures and elections (*elections officers are particularly encouraged to attend*); discussion of Web sites related to the Main Committees of the General Assembly; and other practical informatics issues affecting all delegations.

Commission on the Status of Women
Round table

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women will hold a round table, in the context of the sixty-first session of the General Assembly, to commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of the Commission on the Status of Women, on Friday, 10 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The round table will be chaired by the President of the General Assembly. The Secretary-General will make an introductory statement. The President of the Economic and Social Council will also make introductory remarks. High-level representatives of Governments, Parliaments, United Nations entities, civil society and the private sector will participate in the interactive dialogue, moderated by the Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women. Members of Permanent and Observer Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the situation in Afghanistan, under agenda item 16 (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Monday, 6 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction, recovery and prevention in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of Indonesia, on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN))

Monday, 6 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 9 November 2006, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 48 (2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa) (convened by the delegation of the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of the African Group)

Monday, 6 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the in-depth study on violence against women, under agenda item 61 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of France and the Netherlands)

Monday, 6 November 2006, from 3to 6 p.m. in .Conference Room C;

Tuesday, 7 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Wednesday, 8 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 10 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strenghtening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Monday, 6 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Tuesday, 7 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7; and

Thursday, 9 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Other Sixth Committee meetings

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Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on the Revitalization of the General Assembly

Monday, 6 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Non-Aligned Movement (open-ended informal consulations on the draft resolution on the right to development)

Thursday, 9 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E; and

Friday, 10 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

UNITAR/OLA Seminars on Deposit of Treaty Actions with the Secretary-General and the Registration of Treaties

French Seminar

Tuesday, 7 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and

English Seminar

Wednesday, 8 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 4.30 p.m.; and *Thursday, 9 November 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Catharina Goldschmidt (tel. 1 (212) 963-9684; e-mail goldschmidt@un.org).]

Friends of the International Criminal Court: Briefing on the report of the Committee on Budget and Finance

Tuesday, 14 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Other Sixth Committee meetings

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Informal dialogue with non-governmental organizations on "Human rights and poverty" (organized by the Bureau of the Third Committee, in cooperation with the NGO Committee on Human Rights and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR))

Monday, 6 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Sharon Brandstein, OHCHR (tel. 1 (212) 963-7021).]

Panel discussion on "Girls in conflict and post-conflict zones" (organized by the NGO Working Group on Girls of the NGO Committee on UNICEF, in collaboration with the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict)

Monday, 6 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend.]

Presentation on "An innovative instrument for financing sustained growth: GDP linked bonds" (sponsored by the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Monday, 6 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend.]

2007 Shanghai Special Olympics World Summer Games Forum, on the theme "Special olympics for social harmony" (co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of China, the United Nations New York Office of Sport for Development and Peace and Special Olympics International)

Friday, 10 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. A photo exhibit will be held from 10 to 15 November 2006, at the Viennese Café, First Basement neck area. For further information, please contact Ms. Xiaomei Li, Permanent Mission of China (tel. 1 (212) 655-6145; e-mail li_xiaomei@mfa.gov.cn).]

Parliamentary Hearing at the United Nations on "Conflict prevention and peacebuilding: Reinforcing the key role of the United Nations" (organized jointly by the Inter-Parliamentary Union, in cooperation with the United Nations)

Monday, 13 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber; and

Tuesday, 14 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please call Mr. Alessandro Motter, Inter-Parliamentary Union (tel. 1 (212) 557-5880); or visit www.ipu.org.]

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from *today*, 3 November 2006, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Summary of [illegible]

Thursday, 2 November 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

45th–46th meetings — The summary of the 45th and 46th meetings of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2006/213).

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

21st meeting — *United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East* [31]

The Committee concluded its general debate with statements by the representatives of Israel, the United States, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Bahrain, Oman and Morocco, as well as by the Observer of the Holy See.

The representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Kuwait, as well as by the observer for Palestine, made statements in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Commissioner-General made a statement.

Organization of work

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee decided to extend the deadline for submitting draft resolutions, under both items 31 and 32, to Monday, 6 November, at 6 p.m.

Second Committee

24th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions: international trade and development . . . . . [51 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.14

The representative of South Africa introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Sustainable development. . . . . [53]

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.16

The representative of Japan introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Monaco.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.21

The representative of Croatia introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document.

(b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.18

The representative of South Africa introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its ninth special session

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.19

The representative of South Africa introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) . . . . . [54]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.17

The representative of South Africa introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Globalization and interdependence . . . . . [55]

(a) Globalization and interdependence

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.15

The representative of South Africa introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(d) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.20

The representative of South Africa introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Operational activities for development: operational activities for development of the United Nations system . . . . . [58]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by the Director, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, and the Executive Director, United Nations Development Fund for Women.

Questions were posed by the delegations of Ethiopia and Switzerland, to which the Director, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, responded.

A statement was made by the Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States.

General discussion

The Committee began its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union; the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia, as well as Moldova), Brazil (on behalf of MERCOSUR), the Russian Federation, Colombia, Algeria, Cuba, Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, China, Switzerland, Nepal, Ukraine (on behalf of GUAM) and Mozambique.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion under the agenda item.

Organization of work

The Chairperson made a statement.

Third Committee

36th meeting

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [67 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Burundi made a presentation and engaged in a dialogue with the delegations of Burundi, Finland and Norway.

Report of the Human Rights Council . . . . . [68]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Chairman made a statement, following which the Committee decided to invite the President of the Human Rights Council to address the Committee the following week, and to resume the general discussion under the item accordingly.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, Gabon, Cuba and Liechtenstein.

Organization of work

The Secretary made a statement.

37th meeting

Report of the Human Rights Council . . . . . [68]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.17

The representative of France introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, and Afghanistan, Angola, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Japan, Jordan, Liberia, Senegal, Sweden, Ukraine and Uruguay.

Albania, Côte d'Ivoire and the Dominican Republic joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.18

The representative of Peru introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, and Cameroon, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Germany, Sweden and Switzerland.

Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cyprus, and Finland joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Chairman responded to a statement made by the representative of Mexico.

Crime prevention and criminal justice . . . . . [98]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.9/Rev.1

The Secretary read out an oral statement of programme budget implications in connection with the draft resolution.

The representative of Italy made a statement and announced that Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belgium, Burkina Faso, Chile, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba,

Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Mali, Moldova (Republic of), Myanmar, Norway, Paraguay, the Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Switzerland, Thailand, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and Viet Nam had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cameroon, Cape Verde, China, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, France, Georgia, Ghana, Iceland, Indonesia, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Malta, Mongolia, Mozambique, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Senegal, Sierra Leone, the Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

International drug control . . . . . [99]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.8/Rev.2

The Secretary read out an oral statement of programme budget implications in connection with the draft resolution.

The representative of Mexico made a statement and announced that Algeria, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Belize, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Croatia, Cyprus, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Italy, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mauritius, Moldova (Republic of), Mongolia, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, the Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, Uzbekistan and Viet Nam had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Albania, Angola, Côte d'Ivoire, Czech Republic, Egypt, Estonia, Georgia, Iraq, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Lithuania, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Nepal, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Swaziland, Turkey, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution statements were made by the representatives of Barbados (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Bolivia and Colombia.

Organization of work

The Secretary made a statement.

Fifth Committee

15th meeting

Improving the financial situation of the United Nations . . . . . [119]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement regarding the procedures to be followed during the consideration of this item.

The Controller made a statement on the current financial situation of the United Nations.

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services . . . . . [127]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services replied to questions raised at the 9th meeting of the Committee, held on 23 October 2006.

The representative of Singapore made a statement.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would continue under the chairmanship of Mr. Karl Van Den Bossche (Belgium).

16th meeting

Human resources management . . . . . [123]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Yemen made a statement.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Human resources management made a concluding statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would begin on that day, Thursday, 2 November, following the adjournment of the formal in Conference Room 5, under the chairmanship of Mr. Morteza Mirmohammad (Islamic Republic of Iran).

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Notification under article 4 (3): Peru (26 October 2006)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty. New York, 15 December 1989

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Convention relating to the unification of certain rules concerning collisions in inland navigation. Geneva, 15 March 1960

Succession (with confirmation of the reservations confirmed by Serbia and Montenegro upon succession): Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Convention on the registration of inland navigation vessels. Geneva, 25 January 1965

Succession (with confirmation of the declaration confirmed by Serbia and Montenegro upon succession): Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Convention on the measurement of inland navigation vessels. Geneva, 15 February 1966

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

International Convention Against the Taking of Hostages. New York, 17 December 1979

Accession: Chad (1 November 2006)[1]

International Convention Against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries. New York, 4 December 1989

Succession to signature: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel. New York, 9 December 1994

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Ratification: Chad (1 November 2006)[1]

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. Montego Bay, 10 December 1982

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982. New York, 28 July 1994

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Montreal, 29 January 2000

Ratification: Chad (1 November 2006)[1]

Treaty event

Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network Jakarta, 12 April 2006

Opening for signature

The above Agreement was adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its sixty-second session by resolution number 62/4 on the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network, held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 12 April 2006.

It shall be open for signature by States, which are members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, at Busan, Republic of Korea, on 10 and 11 November 2006, during the Ministerial Conference on Transport, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 16 November 2006 to 31 December 2008.

Certified true copies of the Agreement, of which the Chinese, English and Russian texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as feasible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Agreement could notify and, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *November 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
To be announced

Asian States:
Pakistan
H.E. Mr. Munir Akram

Eastern European States:
Bulgaria
H.E. Mr. Ivan T. Piperkov

Latin American and Caribbean States:
El Salvador
H.E. Mrs. Carmen María Gallardo Hernández

Western European and other States:
Luxembourg
H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit

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A/61/PV.7	**Meeting held on 18 September 2006, 10 a.m. [R]**

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	Sixty-first session
A/61/63/Add.1	Item 69 (a) of the provisional agenda — Oceans and the law of the sea — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/134/Add.1	Item 96 — Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/160	Item 69 (a) of the provisional agenda — Oceans and the law of the sea — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
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A/61/L.14	Item 108 (g) — Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations — 24-Power draft resolution — Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe [A C E F R S]
	Second Committee
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A/C.2/61/L.22	Item 57 (a) — Eradication of poverty and other development issues — One-Power draft resolution — Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [A C E F R S]
	Fifth Committee
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Security Council	Documents
S/2006/604	Letter dated 1 August 2006 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2006/674	Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
S/2006/762	Letter dated 23 September 2006 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2006/768	Letter dated 26 September 2006 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2006/838	Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Somalia [A C E F R S]
A/61/542–S/2006/847	Letter dated 25 October 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
S/2006/854	Draft resolution [A C E F R S]
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S/AC.37/2006/(1455)/2	Letter dated 11 October 2005 from the Deputy Permanent Representative of Cameroon to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

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ST/ADM/SER.B/662	Assessment of Member States' contributions for the financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006 [E F S (only)]

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